1   CLAIM LISTING

2   1.   (Currently Amended) A method including the steps of:

3   (a)   with a data processing system, matching a first set of game designations with a set

4   of bingo card representations to produce a matched card set and storing the

5   matched card set in data storage for the data processing system, the matched card

6   set including data representing a number of game play records with each game

7   play record corresponding to a different one of the bingo card representations and

8   including a result indicator indicating a result of the match between the first set of

9   game designations and the respective bingo card representation;

10   (b)   receiving a number of game play requests at the data processing system, each

11   respective game play request being received from a respective remote device and

12   being associated with a respective player and the respective player being

13   associated with a respective bingo card representation from the set of bingo card

14   representations; and

15   (c)   for each game play request, assigning the respective player the game play record

16   corresponding to the respective bingo card representation with which the

17   respective player is associated, the assigning being performed by the data

18   processing system.

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20   2.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further including the steps of:

21   (a)   assigning game play records from the matched card set until a game winning

22   player holds a game play record corresponding to a matched bingo card

23   representation having a game ending pattern; and

1   (b)   the data processing system withdrawing the matched card set from play in

2   response to the assignment of the game play record corresponding to the matched

3   bingo card representation having the game ending pattern.

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5   3.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further including the step of, with the data

6   processing system, matching an additional game designation set with the set of bingo card

7   representations to produce an additional matched card set and storing the additional

8   matched card set in the data storage for the data processing system, the additional

9   matched card set including a number of respective additional game play records with each

10   additional game play record corresponding to a different one of the bingo card

11   representations and including a result indicator indicating a result of the match between

12   the additional game designation set and the respective bingo card representation.

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14   4.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3 further including the steps of:

15   (a)   receiving at the data processing system an additional game play request associated

16   with a given player who has already been assigned a respective game play record

17   from the matched card set, the additional game play request also being associated

18   with a respective bingo card representation from the set of bingo card

19   representations; and

20   (b)   assigning the given player the additional game play record corresponding to the

21   respective bingo card representation with which the given player is associated.

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1   5.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3 further including the step of assigning an

2   additional game play ~~records~~ <u>record</u> from the additional matched card set in response to a

3   game play request which next follows a game play request for which is assigned a game

4   ending game play record<u>, the assigning of the additional game play record being</u>

5   <u>performed by the data processing system</u>.

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7   6.   (Original) The method of claim 3 further including the step of assigning game play

8   records from the matched card set for a set period of time and then assigning additional

9   game play records from the additional matched card set after that set period of time.

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11   7.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further including the steps of:

12   (a)   <u>with the data processing system,</u> matching a number of additional game

13   designation sets with the set of bingo card representations to produce a number of

14   additional matched card sets, each additional matched card set including a number

15   of respective additional game play records with each additional game play record

16   in a given one of the additional matched cards sets corresponding to a different

17   one of the bingo card representations and including a result indicator indicating a

18   result of the match between the respective additional game designation set and the

19   respective bingo card representation; and

20   (b)   storing each additional matched card set <u>in the data storage for the data processing</u>

21   <u>system</u> so that respective additional game records are available for assignment <u>by</u>

22   <u>the data processing system</u> in response to a respective game play request.

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1 8. (Currently Amended) A program product stored on a computer readable medium, the

2   program product including:

3   (a) matching program code for matching a first set of game designations with a set of

4   bingo card representations to produce a matched card set, the matched card set

5   including a number of game play records with each game play record

6   corresponding to a different one of the bingo card representations and including a

7   result indicator indicating a result of the match between the first set of game

8   designations and the respective bingo card representation; and

9   (b) game play assignment program code for assigning game play records from the

10   matched card set, a respective game play record being assigned in response to a

11   respective game play request, each respective game play request being associated

12   with a respective player and each respective player being associated with a

13   respective bingo card representation in the matched card set, and the respective

14   game play record assigned for a respective game play request being the game play

15   record corresponding to ~~assigned to the player associated with~~ the bingo card

16   representation with which the respective game play request is associated.

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18 9. (Currently Amended) The program product of claim 8 further including:

19   (a) game ending play monitoring program code for detecting when a player has been

20   assigned a game play record corresponding to a matched bingo card representation

21   having a game ending pattern; and

22   (b) matched card set switching program code for switching to a different matched

23   card set when the ~~winning~~ game ending play monitoring program code detects that

1   a player has been assigned the game play record corresponding to the matched

2   bingo card representation having the game ending pattern.

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4   10.   (Original) The program product of Claim 8 wherein the matching program code matches

5   an additional game designation set with the set of bingo card representations to produce

6   an additional matched card set, the additional matched card set including a number of

7   respective additional game play records with each additional game play record

8   corresponding to a different one of the bingo card representations and including a result

9   indicator indicating a result of the match between the additional game designation set and

10   the respective bingo card representation.

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12   11.   (Previously Presented) The program product of Claim 10 wherein the game play

13   assignment program code responds to a game play request from a given player who has

14   been assigned a game play record from the matched card set by assigning the given player

15   an additional game play record from the additional matched card set, the assigned

16   additional game play record corresponding to the respective bingo card representation

17   with which the given player is associated.

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19   12.   (Previously Presented) The program product of claim 11 wherein the game play

20   assignment program code assigns a respective additional game play record from the

21   additional matched card set in response to a game play request which next follows a game

22   play request for which is assigned a game ending game play record from the matched card

23   set.

1	13.	(Original) The program product of claim 10 wherein the game play assignment program
2		code assigns game play records from the matched card set for a set period of time and
3		then assigns additional game play records from the additional matched card set after that
4		set period of time.
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6	14.	(Currently Amended) A gaming system comprising:
7		(a) a number of player stations, each player station for enabling a player to initiate a
8		game play request and for displaying results of a game play upon receipt of a
9		game play record, each game play request initiated by a player station being
10		associated with the initiating player and the initiating player being associated with
11		a respective bingo card representation in a set of bingo card representations;
12		(b) a central processing system for storing a set of game play records, each game play
13		record corresponding to a respective bingo card representation which has been
14		matched to a first set of game designations, the central processing system also for
15		assigning a respective game play record from the set of game play records to a
16		player in response to a game play request initiated by the respective player at one
17		of the player stations, the respective game play record assigned to the player being
18		the game play record corresponding to the bingo card representation that is
19		associated with that player; and
20		(e) a communications system operatively connected to the central processing system
21		and to each of the player stations for facilitating communications between the
22		central processing system and each player station.
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1   15.   (Original) The gaming system of claim 14 wherein:

2   (a)   the central processing system stores a number of additional sets of game play

3   records, each game play record in a respective additional set of game play records

4   corresponding to a respective one of the bingo card representations which has

5   been matched to an additional set of game designations; and

6   (b)   the central processing system also assigns a respective game play record from one

7   of the additional sets of game play records to a player in response to a game play

8   request initiated by the respective player at a respective one of the player stations,

9   the respective game play record assigned to the player from the additional set of

10   game play records being the game play record in that additional set corresponding

11   to the bingo card representation that is associated with that player.

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13   16.   (Previously Presented) The gaming system of claim 14 wherein the matched card set

14   includes a game ending game play record corresponding to a bingo card representation

15   from the set of bingo card representations and wherein the central processing system

16   withdraws the matched card set from play in response to the assignment of the game

17   ending game play record.

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19   17.   (Original) The gaming system of claim 14 further including a gaming floor component for

20   directing a bingo card request to the central processing system in response to a bingo card

21   request input entered for a respective player, and wherein the central processing system

22   responds to the bingo card request by associating a respective bingo card representation

from the bingo card representation set with the respective player for whom the bingo card request input was entered.

18.   (Original) The gaming system of claim 17 wherein the gaming floor component comprises one of the player stations.

19.   (Original) The gaming system of claim 17 further including a point of sale terminal distinct from the player stations and wherein the gaming floor component comprises the point of sale terminal.

20.   (Original) The gaming system of claim 14 wherein the central processing system is also for maintaining a database correlating each of a number of respective players to one or more bingo card representations with which the respective player is associated.